wherein the contact elements are arranged in a single plane and form a single-layer stamped grid.

10. (New) The connector according to claim 1, wherein each contact section is forked shaped and includes a first limb and a second limb, the second limb being separated by a slit from the first limb and being disposed at least over a partial length of the first limb.

11. (New) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the first limb and the second limb are disposed parallel to each other.

12. (New) The connector according to claim 10, further comprising:

at least one tie bar extending perpendicularly from the first limb, the second limb extending perpendicularly to the tie bar.

13. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the first and second limbs includes a detent element projecting into the slit, the detent element being configured to resiliently displace and engage in a counter-detent element of a counter-contact section of the mating connector.

14. (New) The connector according to claim 9, wherein at least each connecting section of each contact element is one of partially extrusion-coated with plastic to form the housing and clamped between two halves of the housing.

15. (New) A method of producing a multipole electrical connector, the method comprising:

producing a contact set from a single metal strip, the contact set including a plurality of contact elements, each of

the contact elements including a contact section and a connecting section, the contact elements being arranged in a single plane; and

supporting the contact set within a housing.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising:

partially extrusion coating at least each connecting section of each contact element to form the housing.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising:

clamping each contact element between two halves of the housing.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of producing the contact set includes producing at least one tie bar between the plurality of contact elements.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising:

removing the at least one tie bar.

20. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of producing the contact set includes stamping the contact set from the single metal strip.

21. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein each contact section is forked shaped and includes a first limb and a second limb, the second limb being separated by a slit from the first limb and being disposed at least over a partial length of the first limb.

22. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the first limb and the second limb are disposed parallel to each other.